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FDOT Hosts Capital Circle NW Public Meeting "Construction Begins the Week of September 26"

Chipley - The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in conjunction with PBS&J will conduct a Construction Public Information Meeting Thursday, September 22, from 6 pm to 7 pm at the DEP Douglas Building, Conference Room A, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard. This meeting is being held to update businesses, residents and the general public on upcoming construction to SR 263 (Capital Circle Northwest). Construction is scheduled to begin the week of September 26 and extend for nearly two and one-half years. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained during construction.

The 1.9-mile long multi-lane project extends from SR 10 (US 90) West Tennessee Street to SR 8 (I-10) and consists of construction of new sidewalks, rehabilitation to existing sidewalks along each side of Tennessee Street and Capital Circle Northwest, drainage improvements, traffic signal upgrades and improvements to pedestrian features. Also included in the \$25 million construction contract are access management improvements based on Access Management Standards - Rule 14-97. Access management deals with the permanent opening and closing of driveways, medians and turn lanes along a corridor.

Preliminary construction activities include earth-work and construction of retention ponds. Construction signs are posted and the speed limit is reduced in the construction zone. M Inc. of Tallahassee is the prime contractor. This project is being constructed in cooperation with Blueprint 2000 and the Northwest Florida Water Management District who will host a ground breaking ceremony late October 2005.

Motorists are reminded to use caution while traveling through the construction zone. Speeding violations double when construction workers are present.